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1. BASIC HISTORY

The Commander Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMFITAEEWWINGPAC) is headquartered at Naval Air Station Miramar, near San Diego, California.

It was originally established in July, 1965 as Commander Fleet Air Miramar, a functional commander of Pacific Fleet fighter units and as a subordinate of the Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC).

It was reorganized in July, 1973 to include the Airborne Early Warning (VAW) aircraft community. One of five Functional Wing Commanders of COMNAVAIRPAC, it was redesignated COMFITAEEWWINGPAC.

The missions of COMFITAEEWWINGPAC are: Indoctrination and training of fleet replacement aircrews and maintenance personnel for the Pacific Fleet's VF/VAW/VC communities; maintain the Pacific Fleet's VF/VAW/VC communities to their best operational readiness.

COMFITAEEWWINGPAC has 58 subordinate units which include: four carrier air wings; five fleet replacement squadrons; eight F-14 TOMCAT squadrons; four F-4 PHANTOM squadrons; six E-2 HAWKEYE squadrons; two A-4 SKYHAWK squadrons; the Navy Fighter Weapons School; a Guided Missile Unit; one Air Test and Evaluation squadron; four reserve squadrons; and one Naval Air Station.



Rear Admiral Frederick G. Fellowes, USN
12 September 77 - Present

REAR ADMIRAL FREDERICK GALE FELLOWES, JR.

Frederick Fellowes, Jr., was born in (b) (6). He graduated from Tucson (Arizona) Senior High School in 1947 and attended Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and Dartmouth College prior to entering the United States Naval Academy in 1949. Graduating in 1953, he was commissioned an Ensign and subsequently promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral on March 2, 1977.

After graduation from the Naval Academy he was assigned to USS WINSTON (AKA-94) in San Diego. In January 1954, he entered flight training at NAS Pensacola and was designated a Naval Aviator April 22, 1955. His first assignment was Attack Squadron 46 at NAS Cecil Field, Florida. In June 1959, he became Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Chief of Naval Air Training, Pensacola. In 1962 he began training in the F-8 Crusader with Fighter Squadron 174 and then joined Fighter Squadron 11 in August 1962.

From July 1964 to June 1965, he attended the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and upon graduation, reported to Fighter Squadron 124, NAS Miramar, California, for refresher training in the F-8. Completing F-8 Replacement Air Group training, he became Operations Officer for Attack Carrier Wing 19, NAS Lemoore, California. He deployed to Southeast Asia in October 1966 for eight months on board USS TICONDEROGA (CVS-14) and flew both the F-8 and A-4 aircraft in combat.

In September 1967, he began training in the F-4 Phantom with Fighter Squadron 101, NAS Oceana, Virginia. On March 29, 1968, he became Executive Officer of Fighter Squadron 102 and deployed to Southeast Asia in April for his second combat tour. He assumed command of Fighter Squadron 102 in June 1968.

In July 1969, he reported as Personal Aide to the Chief of Naval Operations serving under both Admirals Thomas H. Moorer and Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. In April 1971 he reported to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) as Executive Officer.

On April 20, 1972, he became Commanding Officer of USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6), and made two extended deployments to the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet. On December 2, 1974 he became the 25th Commanding Officer of USS HANCOCK (CV-19) and from March 18, 1975 to October 20, 1975 Hancock was deployed to the Western Pacific participating in the evacuation of Cambodia (Operation Eagle Pull) and South Vietnam (Operation Frequent Wing). He reported to COMNAVAIRPAC March 28, 1976 as Chief of Staff. On 12 September 1977 he assumed command of Fighter Airborne Early Warning Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, based at NAS Miramar.

During his career Rear Admiral Fellowes has been awarded the Legion of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Meritorious Service Medal, 15 Strike Flight Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and various campaign ribbons.

Rear Admiral Fellowes is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). They reside in (b) (6) with their two daughters (b) (6).

4. Chronological Summary of Operations

January 1978

3 Jan Safety Standdown
19 Jan F-14 aircraft ferried to Iran

February 1978

13-17 Feb Navy Manpower Team visit
17 Feb F-14 aircraft ferried to Iran

March 1978

1-5 Mar Carrier qualifications on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65)
13 Mar T-2 spin training conducted at NAS Patuxent River, MD
21-23 Mar Command inspection - CVW-15
30 Mar COMFITAEWINGPAC Quarterly Safety Award presented to:
VF-124 and VF-114.

April 1978

4 Apr CVW-14 deploys on board USS ENTERPRISE
10 Apr T-2 spin training conducted at NAS Patuxent River, MD.
18-20 Apr Command inspection - VF-154

May 1978

11 May First Pacific Fleet news media embarkation flight in F-14
TOMCAT (KRON-TV, San Francisco)
14 May CVW-11 returns from deployment
19 May Fleet/Force MCPOC visit
25 May F-14 aircraft ferried to Iran
11-26 May CVW-9 deployment to NAS Fallon, NV.

June 1978

6 Jun First Pacific Fleet E-2C HAWKEYE arrives; received by VAW-114

22 Jun Four AIM-4F missiles shot at Talos (BUZZARDEX)
 27-29 Jun Command inspection - VF-21
 29 Jun Two F-14 aircraft ferried to Iran
 30 Jun COMFITAEEWINGPAC Quarterly Safety Award presented to:
 VFP-63 and VF-2.

July 1978

16 Jul CVW-15 deploys to NAS Fallon, NV
 20 Jul F-14 aircraft ferried to Iran
 20 Jul VAW-112 returns from Atlantic Fleet deployment
 21 Jul ADM Joseph Clifton award presented to VF-24

August 1978

3-4 Aug Maritime Air Superiority Exercise (VF-114)
 8-10 Aug Command inspection - VF-51
 27 Aug College Dart Exercise at Tyndall AFB (VF-51)
 7 Aug Air Combat Maneuvering at McCord AFB (VF-111)

September 1978

12-23 Sep Carrier qualification on board USS RANGER (CV-61)
 26 Sep CVW-9 deployed on board USS CONSTELLATION (CVN-64)
 26-28 Sep Command Inspection - VF-111
 30 Sep COMFITAEEWINGPAC Quarterly Safety Award presented to:
 VFP-63 and VF-154

October 1978

2 Oct Air Combat Maneuvering at Holloman AFB (VF-51) and
 Nellis AFB (VF-111)
 3-5 Oct Command inspection - VF-114
 10 Oct Air Combat Maneuvering at MCAS Yuma (VF-51)

18 Oct Dedication of new training facilities for FASOTRAGRUPAC
det Miramar

26 Oct VAW-116 return from Atlantic Fleet deployment

29 Oct CVW-14 returns from Pacific Fleet deployment

November 1978

11-12 Nov NAS Miramar Open House and Air Show

14-16 Nov Fighter Symposium

28 - 1 Dec Command inspection - VF-126

28 - 3 Dec Carrier qualification on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65)

December 1978

12-15 Dec Command inspection - VF-121

15 Dec HAWKEYE Ball

30 Dec COMFITAEEWINGPAC Quarterly Safety Award presented to:
VF-126 and VF-154

a. Subordinate Units and Homeports

NAS Miramar, San Diego, CA

- NAS Miramar
- CVW-2 (USS RANGER)
- CVW-11 (USS AMERICA)
- CVW-14 (USS ENTERPRISE)
- CVW-15 (USS KITTYHAWK)
- VF-121 F-4 FRS
- VF-124 F-14 FRS
- VF-126 A-4 FRS
- RVAW-110 E-2 FRS
- VFP-63 F-8 FRS
- NFWS F-5

VF-21	F-4	VC-7	A-4
VF-154	F-4	VAW-112	E-2B
VF-1	F-14	VAW-113	E-2B
VF-2	F-14	VAW-114	E-2C
VF-24	F-14	VAW-116	E-2B
VF-211	F-14	VAW-117	E-2B
VF-114	F-14		
VF-213	F-14		
VF-51	F-14	Reserves:	
VF-111	F-14	VF-301 F-4	VAW-88 E-2B
		VF-302 F-4	VC-13 A-4

NAS Yokosuka, Japan (USS MIDWAY)

- VF-151 F-4
- VF-161 F-4
- VAW-115 E-2B

NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii

- VC-1 A-4

NAS Pt Mugu, CA

- GMU-41
- VX-4 F-14/F-4

b. Aircraft Accident Summary

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>FATAL</u>
25 Mar 78	VF-213	WESTPAC	Spin	0
8 Feb 78	VF-121	SOCAL	Hard landing	0
27 Mar 78	VF-1	Miramar	Crash on highway	1
27 May 78	NFWS	SOCAL	Lost control	0
15 Jun 78	VF-124	SOCAL	Lost at sea	2
20 Jun 78	VF-161	WESTPAC	Hard landing	0
16 Jul 78	VF-211	SOCAL	Lost at sea	2
1 Jul 78	VAW-113	WESTPAC	Crash on take off	0
2 Aug 78	VF-124/VF-126	SOCAL	Midair collision	0
9 Aug 78	VF-114	SOCAL	Lost missile at sea	0
25 Aug 78	VF-211	SOCAL	Lost at sea	0
14 Sep 78	VF-124	SOCAL	Lost at sea (CQ)	0
26 Nov 78	VF-211	WESTPAC	Lost at sea	0
<u>Accidents to non-Wing Aircraft</u>				
12 Oct 78	9th TFS, USAF	Miramar	Midair of 2 F-15's	0
7 Nov 78	Blue Angels	Miramar	A-4 crash on runway	0